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BAUM BROS.

TIED UP BY WASHOUTS

Traffic on Northern Pacific Again Interrupted.

MILES OF PRAIRIE SUBMERGED.

Melting Snows and Heavy Rains Cause a Flood in North Dakota and Railways Can't Navigate—Southern States Suffer from 8-Inch Rainfall.

St. Paul, March 28.—For the second time within two weeks the main line of the Northern Pacific is blocked and passenger traffic is seriously interrupted. Ten days ago the North Dakota section of the line was tied up by the worst storm in 15 years, accompanied by fierce winds, tremendous snows and midwinter temperature. Reports today show that trains are now blocked by spring rains and floods over miles of prairies. The sudden change in temperature melted the snow. Then came very severe rains, which have transformed stretches of prairie near Mandan, N. D., and between Mandan and Jamestown into veritable lakes. At many points the main line tracks are completely covered by the water. Farther north the Great Northern line has suffered severely, although the floods have not been severe enough to block trains. Still farther north the " Soo " line has had trouble, although being in a more broken country it has been less affected. Trains on both lines are delayed. The Northern Pacific overland from the west, due here Wednesday afternoon, has not yet arrived.

VICKSBURG ALMOST CUT OFF.

Mississippi Has Nearly Eight Inches of Rainfall.

Floods in Mississippi. Vicksburg, Miss., March 28.—Nearly eight inches of rainfall in the past 48 hours has almost isolated Vicksburg. Not a train on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley road has entered or left the city since 8:30 last night, when a passenger train left for New Orleans. This train only succeeded in getting as far as Port Gibson, 18 miles south, where the tracks were washed away for two miles. Another train ran into a washout near Port Gibson, the engine, mail and baggage cars going into the ditch. No one was seriously hurt. Passenger trains are stalled north and south of this city. Inside the damage will amount to several thousand dollars.

lars. Very little news is received from outlying districts. The loss is undoubtedly heavy and it is feared there was a number of casualties.

TORNADO IN ARKANSAS.

Destroys Property in Clark County and Injures Several Persons.

Little Rock, Ark., March 28.—Advices from Beirne, Clark county, state that a tornado swept over that town yesterday, destroying much property and injuring several persons. The Yeager hardwood plant and the J. G. Clark mill were unroofed. The school house, which was a one-story frame, was blown down, as was part of J. D. Robinson's hotel, a cottage occupied by Jud Davis and another occupied by W. B. Hay. The wife and baby of the latter were injured. A string of 35 cars standing on the Iron Mountain railroad tracks was blown an eighth of a mile down the road.

Pennsylvania Mine Burning.

Connellsville, Pa., March 28.—A big fire is burning fiercely at the Whittsett mine of the Pittsburgh Coal company, 16 miles west of here. Firemen and hose have been sent from here to assist in extinguishing the flames. The fire started from a hot bearing at the fan which supplies the mine with air. In a short time the mine was a raging furnace. Fortunately no miners were in the part where the fire started. If the fire is not conquered soon, it may be necessary to turn the water of the river into the mine, which would result in enormous loss.

Second Fire in Same Plant.

Chicago, March 28.—For the second time within 60 days fire attacked the plant of the Potter Wall Paper company at 408-410 Illinois street, and entailed a loss of \$100,000. In the previous fire the stock was damaged to the extent of \$60,000. The manager, Stuart Waring, said he believed the fire was of incendiary origin. The fire yesterday started in a two-story annex and spread quickly to the main structure, where it burned through four floors.

May Prosecute Lynchers.

La Junta, Colo., March 28.—The authorities claim to have the names of some of the leaders in the lynching of W. H. Wallace, the colored railway porter charged with assault on Mrs. Henrietta Miller, and it is said prosecutions will be begun against them at the April term of court. The coroner's jury found that Wallace came to his death by " gunshot wounds and strangulation at the hands of unidentified persons."

PROBE BRIBERY CHARGES

Committee is Appointed by Speaker Henderson.

EXCITEMENT IN THE HOUSE.

Grave Offenses Alleged Against Members of Congress and Press in Connection With Sale of Danish West Indies—Involves Agent of Denmark.

Washington, March 28.—A genuine sensation was caused in the house yesterday by the presentation by Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, of charges alleging the corrupt use of a fund of \$500,000 in connection with the sale of the Danish West Indies. The charges were contained in an alleged secret report of Captain Walter Christmas to the Danish government, who alleged that he had employed corrupt means to bring about the negotiations for the sale of the islands. The reports from which Mr. Richardson read mentioned the names of Abner McKinley and his partner, Colonel Brown, C. W. Knox, who was described as " an intimate friend of Senator Hanna," Richard P. Evans, who was said to represent " Mr. Gardner and his friends in the house," and two press associations, the names of which were not given, as having been interested in the matter.

The charges against members of congress were not specific. Upon the basis of this report, Mr. Richardson asked the adoption of a resolution for the appointment of an investigating committee of seven. The speaker ruled that the matter was privileged after Mr. Richardson had amended his resolution so as to specifically include members of the house. Great excitement attended the whole proceeding. Mr. Cannon of Illinois insisted that Mr. Richardson's presentation was fragmentary and that the whole matter should go over until members might read the documents presented, which included newspaper extracts, affidavits, etc., in the records. Christmas, he declared, on his own statement was a briber and worse, but the house voted down the motion to postpone and the resolution, after being amended in minor particulars, was adopted. The speaker appointed the following committee to make the investigation: Dalzell (Rep., Pa.), Hitt (Rep., Ill.), Cousins (Rep., Ia.), McCall (Rep., Mass.), Richardson (Dem.,

Tenn.), Dinsmore (Dem., Ark.) and Cowherd (Dem., Mo.).

The Resolutions.

The resolution presented by Mr. Richardson is in part as follows:

"Whereas, one Walter Christmas, a subject of Denmark, who is now, and who has been for several years, a diplomatic agent of Denmark, authorized and empowered to negotiate the sale of the Danish West Indian Islands to the United States, and who was also the agent of the United States for the purchase of said islands, has submitted a secret and confidential report to his own government, and,

"Whereas, the said Christmas, agent and representative as aforesaid, in his report to his government, declares and sets forth among other things the fact that the government of Denmark has contracted, agreed and obligated itself to pay and turn over to him, the said Christmas, 10 per centum, or about \$500,000 of the proceeds of the purchase money arising from the sale of said islands to the United States when the same shall have been paid by the United States to Denmark, for the express purpose as has been declared and set forth by him in his said secret report to his government, for the bribing of members of the United States congress, including members of the house of representatives and other prominent citizens of this country, and so subsidizing American legislators to the end that the pending treaty between the United States and Denmark for the sale of the islands by the latter to the former government may be consummated."

The army appropriation bill was subsequently passed without material amendment and a rule was adopted to make the bill to retire officers of the revenue cutter service a continuing order until disposed of, the order not to interfere with appropriation or revenue bills or conference reports.

Meysenburg Convicted of Bribery. St. Louis, March 28.—Emil A. Meysenburg, member of the house of delegates, was convicted of bribery in connection with the Suburban Street railway franchise legislation in Judge Douglas' court last evening, after a trial lasting four days and his punishment fixed at three years in the penitentiary.

Found Guilty of Manslaughter. Washington, Ind., March 28.—After hours of debate, the jury in the wife-murder case against Frank Purcell yesterday returned a verdict, finding him guilty of manslaughter. Purcell was tried last fall for the crime but

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